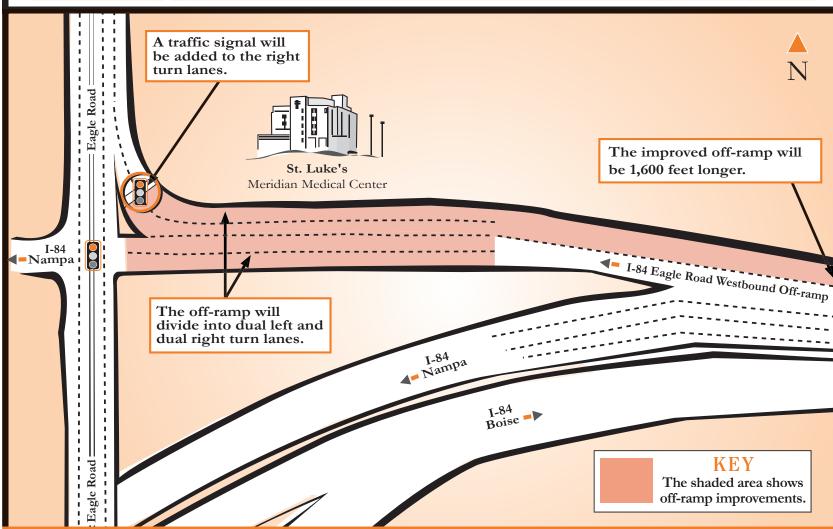
I-84 Eagle Road Westbound Off-ramp Project



Construction to begin on next improvement for Eagle Road

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) will begin construction this spring to widen and improve the I-84 westbound off-ramp at Eagle Road. The project is designed to reduce congestion and improve traffic flow near the off-ramp.

The improvements also will reduce the amount of trafficbacking up onto the interstate shoulder while exiting I-84. Approximately

22,000 vehicles use the off-ramp every day. Construction will begin in late March and end in late 2007.

The Eagle Road Westbound Off-ramp project is being funded through Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle (GARVEE) bonds. These bonds use future federal highway funds to construct needed highway projects sooner than through the traditional pay-as-you-go method.

ITD anticipates construction will occur in four phases:

- 1 The westbound off-ramp will be widened on the left side.
- 2 The westbound off-ramp will be widened on the right side.
- The island at the intersection of the off-ramp and Eagle Road will be reconstructed.
- The new off-ramp lane will be extended 1,600 feet along I-84 to the Ridenbaugh Canal.

What to expect during construction:

- The off-ramp will remain open at all times. Motorists should, however, plan extra time when traveling in the project area, or consider an alternate route.
- The shoulder of westbound I-84 will be closed to exiting vehicles during some construction.
- During the final phase, westbound I-84 will be reduced from four to three lanes in the project area.
- Some nighttime work is expected to minimize traffic impacts during peak travel times.
- Construction updates will be available through ITD's 511 service (call 511, or visit 511.idaho.gov).

For more information:

Visit the ITD Web site at www.itd.idaho.gov and click on Get Involved, Southwest Idaho and I-84, Eagle Road Westbound Off-ramp Project. Call ITD Public Affairs at 334-8003.

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